



# The Montgomery County RECYCLETTER

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## *WELCOME TO MY GARDEN*

It's near the height of mid-spring activity in my garden, with about 120 of my 700 varieties of plants in bloom. The toads have finished their singing and egg depositing in my small pond. The solitary bees have emerged from their paperboard tubes and are busily gathering pollen as food for the next generation. The three dozen foot-long koi are active and hungry in the big pond after a winter sluggishly spent at the bottom of the pond, under the ice. The chickadees are checking out one of the birdhouses. Will they have to fight with the wrens again over occupancy, or endure the bullying of the house sparrows that can't even fit through the entrance hole? Will the Baltimore Orioles return to recycle last year's perennial leaves into this year's nest?

After spending a few hours cutting down most of those old perennial tops and pulling a few weeds, one of my biggest challenges is to recarpet the driveway. Do I want to stick with a muted beige or gray or should I go with a vibrant red or blue. Unfortunately, there is the problem that indoor carpeting doesn't have the colorfastness one would hope for when reusing it outdoors, exposed

to the sun and the other elements. I may even replace some portions of the extensive network of carpet paths. Interestingly, carpet on asphalt is as comfortable to walk on barefoot as is carpet on dirt.

I may have to add some additional perennials to my television planters and my shoe pots, and perhaps put a few new layers on top of my newspaper walls. Soon, the bananas, angel trumpets, and 100 other varieties of tropical plants will be moved outside into the designated jungle and desert areas. Since I removed all of the lawn grasses on my 12,000 square foot lot, and planted interesting trees, shrubs, but mostly perennials, the garden has attracted a great variety of insects, and different kinds of mammals, including cats and humans.

How can one build a \$100,000 landscape for less than \$1,000? Certainly, my putting in 2000 hours of labor over a 3-year period helped quite a bit. However, the tremendous material costs were dealt with

solely by relentlessly imaginative recycling. I was able to apprentice to the inventor of newspaper wall building to learn to use that free and abundant material, and thought up carpet paths after seeing vast quantities being thrown away. The thousands of plants were either grown by seed myself or by fellow members of the local Rock Garden Society, by trading plants with other gardeners, rescuing neglected, unwanted, abandoned plants, or buying them at 90+% discounts in the depth of winter.

The koi were bought at a 90% discount from a rurally-based fish wholesaler, the pond liner was purchased from a roofing supplier for about 1/3 the cost of the identical product from a garden center, and the pond bridge is made of weathered oak pallets used by flagstone dealers. The driftwood came from the aftermath of the Potomac River floods and the rocks came from the aftermath of the construction of buildings or

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## *Montgomery County Agricultural Fair 2000*

Is it too early to start thinking about the fair? No, it isn't. In fact, it isn't too early to sign up for a shift at our information tent either.

This year our involvement will be much the same as it was last year. But I hope that an errant wind won't come and blow our tent down again. Once again, we will encourage visitors to sift out some "Black Gold" compost and take home a sample. We'll sell compost bins, give instructions on composting, and promote vermiculture to those hardy souls who don't get squeamish around red wigglers. We'll give out blue bins and help answer recycling questions.

All volunteers will gain free admission to the fair. So come early on your day; help us out a while; then enjoy the rest of the day watching pig races, eating ice cream, and marveling at the immensity of oxen.

Volunteers will be especially needed on the Blue Bin Control Squad. Let's try to beat last year's pioneer effort to bring recycling to the fair. This means we'll have to make the

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## News Brief



**Mixed Paper Recycling Update:** The six mixed paper recycling drop-off points established earlier this year continue to be popular. Since January over 124,776 pounds (62 tons) of material have been collected! The sites enjoy a steady stream of cars during their operating hours. Residents participating in the collections have been assisted by volunteers of all ages. While we were lucky enough to avoid snow and ice at all these collections, the Cedar Grove Elementary Community Service Club students earned special honors for working in torrential downpours. The rain did nothing to squelch their enthusiasm, however, and they cheerfully persevered. Totals for the drop-off locations are as follows:

**Poolesville:**

February – 4,700 pounds, March – 9,500 pounds, April – 4,120 pounds  
(This event followed the beginning of curb-side pick-up in the municipality of Poolesville).

**Aspen Hill / Wheaton:**

March – 880 pounds, April – 2,140 pounds.

**Damascus:**

February – 10,044 pounds, March – 7,960 pounds, April – 7,340 pounds.

**Blair:**

February – 6,400 pounds, March – 7,640 pounds, April – 8,100 pounds.

**Whitman:**

January – 1,700 pounds, February – 8,472 pounds, March – 14,840 pounds, April – 11,640 pounds.

**Potomac:**

January – 2,000 pounds, February – 11,000 pounds, March – 8,600 pounds, April – 7,700 pounds.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped. Special thanks to Randy Hill, from MES, whose efforts extended above and beyond the call of duty.

## Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program, a part of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Solid Waste Services, encourages environmental stewardship through its public outreach on waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Volunteers provide County residents with practical solutions to their waste-related concerns. In educating themselves and others, MR/C volunteers stimulate thoughtful and effective action towards sound environmental practices which protect our shared environment and help the County achieve its goal of 50% recycling by the year 2000.

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### Mixed Paper Collection Schedule

1st Saturday of the month:

**Poolesville:**

Poolesville High School (will operate through July 1, 2000)  
17501 Willard Road, 9 a.m. to Noon, Aluminum also accepted.

**Aspen Hill / Wheaton:**

Parkland Middle School (will operate through May 6, 2000)  
4610 West Frankfort Drive, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month:

**Damascus:**

Damascus Safeway (will operate through June 10, 2000)  
In the Damascus Center, 8 a.m. to Noon

**Silver Spring:**

Montgomery Blair High School (will operate through June 10, 2000)  
51 University Blvd., East 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

3rd Saturday of the month:

**Potomac:**

Potomac Community Center (will operate through July 15, 2000)  
11315 Falls Road, in upper parking lot near the tennis courts 9 a.m. to Noon

**Bethesda:**

Walt Whitman High School (will operate through July 15, 2000)  
7100 Whittier Blvd., 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## A Note to You



Hi! My name is Jim Welch and I am the new Acting Program Manager for the Master Recycler / Composter Program. As I write this, I am just finishing my eighth day on the job. For those of you who do not know me, I've been a "stay-at-home dad" for the last few years. It's an unusual occupation to be sure, though I never lacked for something to keep me busy. Now my son has turned 12 and doesn't need a parent around so much any more. It is time for me to take my recycling and composting knowledge and get even busier, managing the volunteer program.

I have been a volunteer since February of 1997. In that time I have met many of the fine people who also volunteer. I've been a speaker in schools, given tours of the MRF, assisted with HHW collections, manned the information booth at the county fair, taken up worm composting, and answered phones for the Recycling Hotline. Whenever I ask volunteers to do something, I am well aware of just what it is I'm asking them to do because chances are I've done it before. I know well the sacrifice of spare time that goes with volunteering. I also know your feeling of satisfaction from having done good work on behalf of the environment. Like Peggy Preusch, Susanne Brunhart Wiggins, and Mickey O'Bradovich before me, I too will value the time given by a volunteer and show my appreciation accordingly. There are no finer people than those who dedicate their time to make the world a better place to live. We are busily recruiting new volunteers and asking the experienced ones to continue with us. We are hoping that the inactive volunteers come back and help us again. Together we can help make Montgomery County reach 50% recycling and take it beyond in the future. Let's each make a personal commitment to make recycling and composting the norm rather than the exception. Let's begin this new year, new decade, new century, and new millenium (yeah, I know it doesn't start until next year) with a pledge to dedicate, sacrifice, educate, and demonstrate. We can do this by volunteering, and helping the Master Recycler/Composter program is a great way to spend your time and be with people who think like you. You know why you volunteer! Now, let's get out there and work together. I look forward to meeting all of you.

## Wigglet is Here

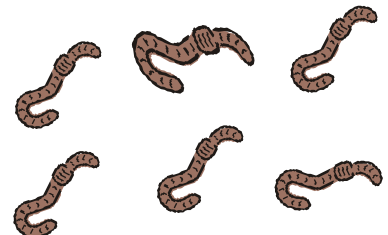
**It's a Boy!**



Susanne Brunhart Wiggins and her husband Don are the proud parents of a baby boy. Sebastian Gabriel Wiggins was born at 10:52 p.m. on April 6, 2000. He weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. The baby, who resembles both of his parents, is doing well, as are Mom and Dad. None of them are sleeping through the night, yet. Welcome to the world, Sebastian our baby recycler.

## Worms Needed!

The demand for worms has left the MR/C Volunteer Program in dire need of red wigglers. The purchase price of 5 pounds of them has risen over 15 percent, although we still sell them for the same price. To keep from raising our price and to keep new vermiculturalists interested, we can use donations of healthy worms. Our goal is to create a sustainable population that can provide us with all the worms we will need. Can you help? Also, as more people start composting with worms, the request for information increases. Experienced vermiculturalists can use their knowledge in teaching others at fairs and at schools. Won't you let us know if this is of interest to you? We can sure use your help!



## ***RRF Gets their 4th National Award***

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) has awarded to the County's Resource Recovery Facility the ASME Gold Level Award for the year 2000 for Excellence in Operation of a Waste-to-Energy facility. Criteria for evaluating the facility included quality of operations, design and operations of environmental protection systems, and how the facility is integrated into the community's comprehensive waste management programs. The award will be delivered to Director Genetti at the North American Waste-to-Energy Conference in May 2000.



## ***d DIGGER NEEDS YOUR HELP!***

Volunteers are urgently needed to be Digger at upcoming fairs and festivals. Playing Digger is a fun way to interact with guests and the children love him. Digger does not talk he just walks with an escort who talks for him. Please consider trying out the costume or even being Digger's escort.

## ***Welcome to my Garden, continued***

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the plowing of farmer's fields. The toads were rescued from forlorn suburban lawns but the frogs showed up on their own. Some of the bees were provided by a USDA bee researcher, and she told me how to attract the rest. Abandoned and damaged bird-houses were prepared for new tenants.

We are all actively involved in recycling manufactured materials for further consumer and industrial uses and returning natural materials back to the earth for their reuse as quickly and efficiently as circumstances allow. I am also involved in recycling manufactured and natural materials and the overabundance of a wealthy society to create a closer and more aesthetically pleasing relationship with nature. The philosophy of re-

cycling has enabled me to afford and to realize one of my grandest dreams, and to be for the benefit of many others as well.

I invite you and anyone else you know to come enjoy the fruits, and the flowers, of our philosophy on Sunday, May 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. If you want to bring food, drink, music, we'll make it into a party as well. Just show up or call Wayne Goldstein at 301-942-8079 for details. See you at 3009 Jennings Road, Kensington, Md. 20895. I'm off the north side of Plyers Mill Road, which runs between Connecticut and Georgia Avenues.

-- Wayne Goldstein

## ***Volunteer Profile!***

**Tony Cammarota** has been a volunteer with the Master Recycler/Composter program for at least 10 years. He has worked at the Household Hazardous Waste collections, conducted tours of the Recycling Center, spoken about recycling issues at civic association functions and worked on the Hotline for the past 2 years. He especially enjoys the Hotline, where his knowledge is shared with others and he can keep up with the pulse of the recycling movement in the county.

Tony came to us after beginning as a research chemist with the U.S. Bureau of Mines, which led to a career as a mineral specialist. He has dealt with all facets of minerals worldwide. Now retired, he continues to do some consulting work, as well as being a part-time advertising manager for the Chemical Society of Washington. He became involved in recycling issues in the 1960's after the passage of the Solid Waste Act of 1965. That act of Congress provided for the recovery of metal values reclaimed from incinerator ash. In the 1990's he became actively involved with recycling within the Bureau, which led him to volunteer with the MR/C Volunteer Program.

With his wife, a retired school teacher, Tony likes to travel. Europe is a favorite des-

tinuation. Once a month, he and his wife are docents at the Gem and Mineral Hall at the Smithsonian Institution. There they introduce children as well as adults to minerals and the items manufactured from them.

We congratulate Tony on his recent selection to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, where we know he will represent the best interest of Montgomery County citizens.

Next time you have an opportunity to work with Tony at a volunteer event, don't be silent. Ask questions. He is a fascinating individual with a real world perspective. I enjoyed this interview, and am glad I got a chance to know Tony Cammarota better.

--Jim Welch

## ***Agricultural Fair 2000***

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rounds, periodically, to clean out the food and garbage sometimes deposited there. Last year we recycled 3,200 pounds during the fair. Can we top that this year? With the help of our concerned volunteers, I bet we can.

--J. Welch

# Household Hazardous Waste



Last summer I took an on-line course on HHW through the University of Missouri. It was a fascinating, eye-opening experience. As with anything "Windows" related, one window opened into another and then another. The amount of information available seemed endless. I learned as much as I could in the time allowed, but there is so much more to learn.

One task we were given to perform was a count of the HHW products in our homes. My total was a staggering 152 items. Some of these items, like bleach, detergent, window cleaner, and wood stain are things I use and will use up. Many items I found had been sitting on shelves for over 13 years. They were mostly unused and unlikely to be used. I found a gallon of paint stripper, which was unopened. Also, hanging around were cans of solvents, old pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides, silver polish, toilet bowl cleaners and drain cleaners. These are things I can live without. These items should be used up according to their package directions; given away to someone who will use them; or, if that is impossible, disposed of at a HHW collection.

There are now over 70,000 man-made chemicals, which have been introduced to the world, mostly in the last 60 years. These are substances that nature was never meant to deal with. The days of dumping toxic chemicals into rivers and burying them in landfills are over. But still, many of them wind up in the trash instead of being used up, or disposed of properly. Better than either of these methods of disposal is simply not buying hazardous products in the first place.

This will be a continuing column in

the Recycleletter. In our next newsletter, I'll concentrate on explaining more of the who, what, where, when, why and how of HHW. Each newsletter will suggest some alternative products, which although they may not pack the cleaning punch of the industrial chemicals, will be gentler on your health and the health of all the living things around you. This issue will focus on three powerful products you can learn to live without: drain cleaner, oven cleaner, and toilet bowl cleaner.

**Drain Cleaner:** That handy bottle of drain cleaner may contain potassium hydroxide or sodium hydroxide, sodium hypochlorite, or hydrochloric acid. All four of these chemicals are corrosive and mildly ecotoxic - that is, toxic to the environment. A drain cleaner may also contain petroleum distillates, which can cause cancer and be developmentally toxic - that is, toxic to a developing fetus. Your money may be better spent on an old fashioned, inexpensive, reusable plunger. If a plunger can't unclog the drain then chances are a commercial drain cleaner won't either. If you use a drain cleaner and it doesn't unclog the drain, you won't know until you run water in the sink. If the clog is still there you will wind up with a potentially hazardous toxic brew in your sink. There will be no way to be rid of it short of hiring a plumber. Instead of drain cleaner, try vinegar and baking soda followed by boiling water. The vinegar and baking soda may break up the clog and the hot water may wash it away. If this doesn't work, go ahead and call the plumber, who will probably use a metal snake to remove the clog. But be warned, the overuse of metal snakes can damage your pipes. Used regularly, vinegar and baking soda can help keep drains clear of debris that causes clogs. Lint traps in the drain, and on the discharge hose from the washing machine can help reduce the amount of debris; which goes down the drain and forms clogs. Lint, of course, is not only compostable; but can be recycled into new paper as well.

**Oven Cleaner:** Oven cleaner may contain potassium or sodium hydroxide (the same stuff that's in drain cleaners.) Either is a corrosive and irritant, and is mildly ecotoxic. Ammonia is highly ecotoxic, corrosive and an irritant. Try cleaning up spills in the oven while it is still warm, and before they dry and are baked on. Try preventing

spills by placing a cookie sheet or aluminum foil on the bottom rack to catch drips. Clean an oven with baking soda and water. It may take a bit more elbow grease to get it clean but your head won't be stuck in a small space with hazardous chemicals as if you're using a commercial oven cleaner. If you have to use a commercial oven cleaner because the oven is badly encrusted, follow the directions carefully. Use goggles to protect your eyes, and gloves to protect your hands. Make sure there is plenty of ventilation. Then, make a commitment to not let it get so bad that you'll have to use a commercial cleaner again.

**Toilet Bowl Cleaner:** Muriatic acid is hydrochloric acid, a corrosive. Oxalic acid is corrosive and can cause kidney damage. Paradichlorobenzene can cause kidney, liver and nerve toxicity. Calcium hypochlorite is kidney toxic. All of the above are mildly ecotoxic. Instead of using a toilet bowl cleaner, try a toilet brush sprinkled with baking soda and wetted with vinegar. Another alternative is to try a carbonated soda to bubble dirt away and clean with a mild acid, either citric or phosphoric, which is in the soda. Once again, clean the toilet more often, and you won't need to resort to toxic substances to clean it.

--Jim Welch

## Farewell Christine!

It is with great sadness that we must bid farewell to our good friend Christine Feintheil. Christine is moving on to bigger and better things after 8 years as an assistant manager with the Master Recycler/Composter Volunteer Program. We will miss her tireless efforts to promote recycling, vermiculture and environmentally responsible paper usage. We will need to find someone to fill her shoes as our arts and crafts expert. We will sorely miss her articles here in the Recycleletter. However, we are already putting pressure on her to continue writing articles from time to time and to volunteer for events of special interest to her. Can she really ever leave us? We hope not.

Good Luck, Christine!

# Thank You, Volunteers

The MR/C Volunteer program appreciates the many hours of help it receives. March and April work included these activities: **Chuck Beranek, Tony Cammarota, Dick Carr, Urte McNellis, Dick Meyer, Jane Oosterhuis, and Martha Merenda** took calls to the Recycling Hotline.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped at the mixed paper drop-offs, including MR/C volunteers **Urte McNellis, Carol Simon, Christine Feintheil, Jane Coe, Anne Quinlan, Carol Sippel, Howard Solomon, Ralph Holtz, Laura Weiner, Heidi Johnson, and Kristie Welch**. In addition we had helping hands from **Jonathan Pope, Wesley Ho, and Melody Collins**. Cedar Grove Elementary Community Service Club helped in the rain, thunder and lightening on a cold March morning. Our thanks to counselor **Mr. Graben, Mrs. Moser Morris, Ms. Koar, Mrs. Megan Cooperman**, and the students. **Cindy Snow** and **Brownie Troop #2932, Katie L., Valerie M., and Erica S.** along with their moms **Patty L., Cindy M. and Cindy S.** helping in Damascus in April. Troop leaders **Tamsen Sweigart, Kathy Paunil** and Girl Scout Troop #2456, helped with Blair High School in April. Our thanks go out to scouts **Amanda P., Christine S., Elisa K., Elizabeth S., Katherine R., Grace W., Lauren S., Samantha S., Natalie M., Elizabeth J.,** and to **Mrs. Kim and Mrs. Schneider**.

Household Hazardous Waste collections were assisted by MR/C volunteers **Sarah Yu, Shannon Gray, Roland Radloff, Bob Mabie, Katherine Hobbs, Janine Farhat, Carol Sippel, Laura Weiner, Zhidong Li, and Martin Shetty**. **Lawrence Sauterne** provided many hours of additional assistance. Boy Scout Troop #781 provided four scouts, whose assistance was greatly appreciated.

**Georgene Ammon** gave a worm composting presentation to attendants of the Takoma Park Arbor Day event in April. Many compost bins were sold. Thanks, Georgene! A new Master Composter, **Thomas Galloway** helped with the Kensington Fair on April, 22nd. Thanks, Tom! **Suzanne** and **Robert Browning** represented us and

worm composting at the National Naval Medical Center on April 28th. Thanks to them both!

Thanks to all those people who attended the Behind the Scenes presentations and helped make it a great success.

As always, **Diane Reinke**, our editor, cleaned up our grammar and undangled our participles by e-mail. We appreciate all her efforts.



## Reuse and Recycling Ideas

Here are some recycling ideas from Stacy Ichniowski:

### Gift Wrapping:

- Reuse large pieces of wrapping paper; fold it flat for storing.
- Reuse bows and ribbons.
- Reuse gift bags; refresh tissue paper by ironing.
- Use Sunday comics for wrapping family gifts.
- Reuse holiday cards as gift tags—cut out pictures. These can be used many years, especially if laminated. (Craft stores have a great selection of fancy-edge scissors, paper punches, and corner punches that can be used to dress them up.)
- Wrap gift box lids so that the box and wrapping paper may be reused many times.

### Miscellaneous:

- Dispose of food scraps in a garbage disposal to reduce trash.
- Save envelopes from junk mail for miscellaneous uses (e.g., storing sales receipts by month for financial records, storing small items that will be given as gifts to friends or family, and storing canceled postage stamps).
- Save cancelled postage stamps and start a collection or donate them to a school or another organization that accepts items for crafts.
- Use empty plastic pretzel containers for storing items such as recycled bows and ribbon.
- Reuse paper clips and rubber bands.
- Reuse pages from day-to-day calendars as note and scrap paper.
- Use your local library instead of buying books (saves money and book storage space at home and prevents having to dispose of books). Buy only reference books and favorites. (I've got to work on this one myself!)



# Recycling References

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

16101 Frederick Rd., Derwood 301-840-2370  
(Route 355 & Shady Grove Rd.)

### PUBLIC UNLOADING FACILITY

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;  
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Truck Hours, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance if you are dropping off materials in a truck.)

*Accepts mixed glass bottles and jars, cans, and all plastic bottles with necks, newspapers, antifreeze, waste oil, auto batteries, tires, magazines, catalogs and yard trim.*

### DON'T DUMP, DONATE!

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance.)

*Accepts unused or used building materials in usable condition, such as: lumber, cinderblocks, wood, lights, flooring, plumbing fixtures, cabinets, toilets, tubs, doors - everything, including the kitchen sink.*

### CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING

At Public Unloading Facility

*Accepts clothes, drapes, shoes, towels, sheets, belts, handbags, and material larger than 15" x 15" in area. Clothing & textiles must be clean, dry and in plastic bags.*

### MATRESSCYCLE

At Public Unloading Facility

*Accepts mattresses and box springs.*

The Salvation Army also recycles mattresses at the following locations every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LITTLE FALLS MALL, Sangamore Rd. and Sentinel Dr., Bethesda

GERMANTOWN COMMONS PLAZA, Middlebrook Rd. off of

Route 118, Germantown

CABIN JOHN MALL, Tuckerman Ln. and Seven Locks Rd., Bethesda

### LARGE APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use Shady Grove Truck Entrance);  
Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route 355); Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Use public entrance off Route 355)

*Accepts refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, window air conditioning units and dehumidifiers.*

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

All sites operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 7	Shady Grove Transfer Station
Sunday, May 20	Briggs Chaney
Sunday, June 4	Shady Grove Transfer Station
Saturday, June 24	Bethesda, NIH

*Accepts insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents, pool chemicals, fuels, oil, photographic chemicals, oil-based paints, button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs (limit of 12 bulbs).*

### FURNITURE

The Housing Opportunities Commission will pick up any reusable furniture item in good condition, such as tables, chairs, sofas, beds, mattresses, and box springs. To arrange for pick up, please call 301-495-0983.

## SPECIAL DROP-OFFS

### ROCKVILLE AREA

Montgomery Scrap Corporation 301-424-3000  
15000 Southlawn Lane

*Buys back aluminum cans scrap metal, other metals, and accepts appliances.*

Georgetown Paper Stock of Rockville 301-762-6990

14818 Southlawn Lane

Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Buys back white office paper and computer paper in 100 lb. loads (no news-paper) and accepts corrugated cardboard.*

### SILVER SPRING AREA

Southeast Recycling Corp. 301-589-4002  
9001 Brookville Road

*Accepts newspapers, magazines and catalogs, telephone books, corrugated cardboard and cereal boxes.*

Yeshiva of Greater Washington 301-649-7053

1216 Arcola Ave.

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Accepts aluminum cans.*

Takoma Park-Silver Spring Food Co-op 301-891-2667

201 Ethan Allen Avenue

*Accepts aseptic packaging, all types of plastic containers, and mixed paper.*

### GAITHERSBURG AREA

The City of Gaithersburg provides mixed paper and corrugated cardboard recycling for its residents. Call the Public Works Department at 301-258-6370 for more information.

Office Paper Systems 301-948-6301

7650 Airpark Road

Drop-off bin available 24 hours.

*Accepts all types of paper ("any thing that tears").*

### WHITE OAK AREA

White Oak Boy Scout Troop 1086 301-622-1273

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Avenue

Fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Accepts newspaper.*

### COLLEGE PARK AREA

University of Maryland Recycling Center 301-314-8345

Lot 4A on Paint Branch Drive (near the intersection of Metzert Rd.

and University Blvd.)

*Accepts white, colored, office and computer paper, corrugated and glossy cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum cans, newspaper, clothing, telephone books, scrap metal, and textbooks.*

### DAMASCUS AREA

St. Paul's Catholic Church 301-253-2027

9240 Damascus Road, Open 24 hours

*Accepts newspaper in bin behind church.*

### POOLESVILLE AREA

Highway Services Depot, Jerusalem Road 240-777-7623

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Accepts used motor oil and antifreeze (up to 5 gallons of each).*

**Master Recycler/Computer Volunteer Program**  
**16101 Frederick Road**  
**Derwood, Maryland 20855**

**MONTGOMERY**  
**COUNTY**  
**RECYCLES**



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## ***Calendar of Events***

For more information about any of these opportunities, please contact the MR/C volunteer Program at 301-840-2852, or @windsor.com. Visit [www.dpwt.com/SolWst SvcDiv/volunteer](http://www.dpwt.com/SolWst SvcDiv/volunteer) for the most current calendar.

### **Fair and Festivals**

Sunday, May 7. Audubon Nature Fair. Audubon Naturalist Society, Chevy Chase. 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Composting presentation.

Saturday, May 20. Spring Festival at the Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood) Papermaking and general composting information, Digger the Worm. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21. Taste of Wheaton. 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. General information. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

This activity is approved for Student Service Learning. Collection volunteers direct traffic and hand out literature. Two shifts: 9:30 a.m. to noon, and 11:45 to 2:15 p.m. Each site operates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 7, and June 4. Shady Grove Transfer Station.

May 20. Briggs Chaney Park and Ride Lot

June 24. NIH.

This is a wonderful group activity. Please help us spread the word, and consider signing up yourself!